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Administration: The present Directorate of Historical Archives and Archaeology (Museum) of Goa contains very valuable collections of Portuguese records. They deal with the expansion of their colonial powers in Asia and also their relations with Indian and Asian powers, during the 16th and 17th century. After the liberation of Goa, Daman and Diu various steps were taken by the Government to make its development on scientific basis and within a decade, former Department of Archives was transformed into the Directorate of Historical Archives and Archaeology (Museum). This Directorate deals with the management, publication and preservation of Government records which are centralised there. Its Archaeology Unit deals with the maintenance of ancient monuments, sites, remains and antiquities. The set up carried on the work on scientific basis under different units.

Budget: During the year, a sum of Rs.2,55,593=00 was spent out of a budget provision of Rs. 2,61,000=00 on the non-plan side. On the plan side a sum of Rs. 2,00,000 was spent out of a budget provision of Rs.2,00,000=00. For 1976-77 a budget provision of Rs.2,95,000=00 was made on the non-plan side and a sum of Rs. 2,00,000 on the plan side.

Building: The Directorate has, at present, its own building which is not big enough. To accommodate staff, records, archaeological material, antiquities etc., two more buildings were hired on rental basis. Besides these the Directorate has occupied some portion of the second floor of the "Junta House" which was allotted to this Directorate by the Government of Goa free of rent.

To centralize the activities of the Directorate, it was decided by the Government to maintain the Archives section and Archaeology section in two different new Government buildings. The new building for the Archives section will be the present main building and its extension, which is under construction. It will be completed by December 1977 in phases.

Record Management: Records pertaining to the Administrative Tribunal, Jalgado de Diu and village communities were examined. Approximately ninty-nine percent papers from the Archives were marked for retention. Retention Schedule was followed while reviewing the papers.

Research and Reference: Eighteen research scholars availed themselves of the research facilities and 174 queries on records received from various government and private agencies and individuals were attended to. About 200 old records were requisitioned by the research scholars for their use.

Reference Media: In order to facilitate the research scholars in their work and public or private parties indices were prepared and kept ready. The "Boteire" and the "Guide" were published giving the details of the existing records.

Publication Programme: The "Assentos de conselho de Fazenda" - 1613-1621 Volume I (Assents to Revenue Council) is proposed to publish soon and translation of Marathi documents is done with a view to publish them. Oral History Project is being pursued by this Directorate.

Preservation of Records: More than 25,000 folios of manuscript volumes and nearly 82 sheets of loose documents were flattened, 500 fragile folios of manuscript volumes repaired with tissue papers, 49 loose Modi and Portuguese documents repaired with chiffon and 126 volumes and 20 rare reference books guarded and bound.

Photo-Duplication: 309 photoprints and 50 photostat prints were taken during the period under report.

Library: 167 books were acquired and efforts are being made to acquire private collections of books in the form of donation. A sum of Rs.15,000/- has been earmarked for the expansion of the Library during the year 1976-77.